

LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**SPECIAL ORDER NO. 78-2013
(Dockets U-29203, U-30981)**

Dockets U-29203 and U-30981 In Re: Acceptance of the Annual Report to the Louisiana Public Service Commission of the Louisiana Utilities Restoration Corporation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013.

(Decided at the October 18, 2013 Business and Executive Session)

I. INTRODUCTION

This matter is before the Louisiana Public Service Commission ("LPSC" or "Commission") to consider acceptance of Annual Report of the Louisiana Utilities Restoration Corporation ("LURC") for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, in connection with the Joint Applications of Entergy Gulf States Louisiana, L.L.C. ("EGSL") and Entergy Louisiana, LLC ("ELL") (collectively, "Entergy") for recovery in rates of costs related to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita¹ and Hurricanes Gustav and Ike.² Act 55 of the 2007 Legislative Session (now codified as La. R.S. 45:1311-1328, the "Act") created the LURC, a nonprofit public corporation regulated by the LPSC for the purpose of assisting in the securitization process with respect to system restoration costs incurred by utilities as a result of hurricanes or other natural disasters.

On August 29, 2005 Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast. Less than four weeks later, on September 24, 2005, Hurricane Rita did the same. At one time, almost 800,000 customers were without electric service in Louisiana and the devastation to the infrastructure and operation of EGSL and ELL was enormous and long-lasting. Just over three years after these storms, Hurricanes Gustav and Ike struck the Gulf Coast on September 1, 2008 and September 13, 2008, respectively, causing power outages in Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas and Texas and extensive damage to the transmission and distribution systems of EGSL and ELL.

The LPSC issued Financing Orders with respect to both the Katrina/Rita and Gustav/Ike transactions ("Financing Orders"), each of which authorized the LURC, pursuant to the provisions of the Act, to borrow the proceeds of system restoration bonds in one or more series (the "Bonds") to finance non-shareholder capital contributions to EGSL and ELL related to EGSL and ELL's interim and/or permanent system restoration costs, carrying costs on such

¹ LPSC Docket No. U-29203.

² LPSC Docket No. U-30981.

system restoration costs, re-establishing and replenishing storm damage reserves, and issuance costs of the Bonds.

As required by the Act and the LPSC's Financing Orders, the LURC prepared and filed an annual report with the Executive Secretary of the LPSC on September 25, 2013, which report was presented to the Commission for acceptance at the October 18, 2013 Business and Executive Session.

On motion of Commissioner Boissiere, seconded by Commissioner Skrmetta, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Louisiana Utilities Restoration Corporation's Annual Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, including the Annual Operating Budget and Financial Statements attached thereto.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

The September 25, 2013 Annual Report of the LURC to the LPSC for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013 is hereby accepted and approved by the LPSC.

This Order is effective immediately.

**BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA**


November 15, 2013

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